



THE BOSS BAKER



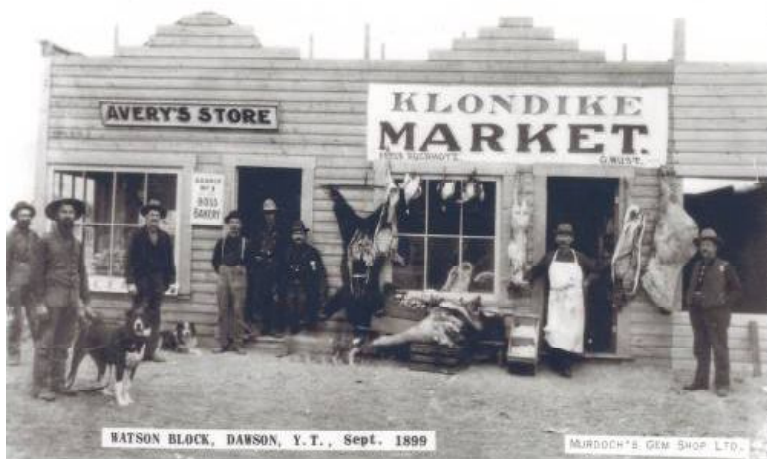
Steven Baur seems to have gotten around early Alaska. We first featured information on him in the September 1983 issue of ATC&PN. At that time, Ralph Burry found Boss Bakeries in Dawson and Cordova.

Now, Harold Fossum shows us an aluminum, 25mm token - The Boss Baker, Good for/One Loaf/Bread - and the connection with the other two bakeries.

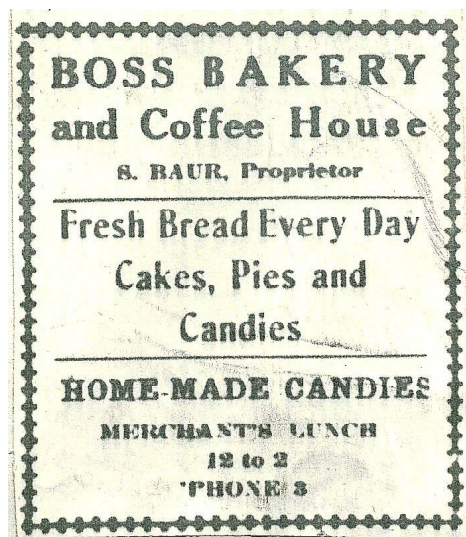
With the construction of the White Pass & Yukon Railroad, access to Whitehorse and Dawson was improved greatly. In "White Pass and Yukon Route Railway" by Graham Wilson, there is a discussion about building the railroad down the middle of Broadway in Skagway.

Several make comments, including "S. Bauer, Boss Baker: Am glad the road is being built on Broadway, because I will not have far to go to put my famous bread on the cars and ship it Dawson" - Skagway News, June 17, 1898. I believe that "Bauer" is an acceptable misspelling. Baur was in Skagway in 1898, planning on shipping his bread to Dawson. Harold also provided a postcard showing "Branch No. 1, Boss Bakery" in Dawson in Avery's Store.

Baur can be found in the 1901 "Ferguson's Dawson Yukon and Alaska Directory & Gazetteer" in Skagway on "Broadway near 5th." He is in Cordova by 1909 (listed in Polk Directories 1909-10, 1911-12 and 1915-16). Where he may have been in between these times is still a mystery. Based on directories and gazetteers, it does not look like Baur ever settled in Dawson.



In the same Polk directories, Boss Bakery in Dawson was under the ownership of Joseph D. Gadoua.



Cordova Dailiy Alaskan, December 19, 1911

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

This month our special thanks go to Harold O. Fossum. Harold shares with us "The Boss Baker" token, along with two other tokens in "For the Record."

Our auction was one of our best ever. The Alaska items did well, with a few exceeding our pre-sale estimates. Good material is also bring excellent prices on eBay as the prices realized in the next column testify. If you would like to consign to our Fall auction, it is not too early to contact us. If you have good Alaska tokens to sell, please keep us in mind.

We laid new carpet in the store this past weekend, and had to move everything. I mean everything. We discovered some items that need to go. One of those items are copies of TAMS Journal April 1988. This issue has Ron Benice's listing of food stamp tokens. We have been selling these (ok, trying to sell) at \$2.50 each. Your procrastination has paid off! Paid subscribers will find a copy of this publication included with this newsletter. We have a few more copies left and will send a copy to those that did not receive one upon request while supply lasts.

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ILLUSTRATED TO THE RIGHT: Two interesting varieties of B-C7a. They are 37.5mm and 38.7mm respectively. The one on the right looks positively modern. While the lettering seems the same, the punches used on the numbers are very different.

PRICES REALIZED

Selected prices realized from eBay:

Anchorage , Kustatan, 25¢, B-26c	40.00OB
Anchorage , Masonic, B-28c	OB99.99RLNB
Barrow , Tony's B-1d	13.25
Fairbanks , F&G, B-15a	39.99
Fairbanks , Pioneer Hotel, 25¢, B-45c	OB14.99NB
Fairbanks , Pioneer Hotel, 25¢, B-45c	14.09RL
Hawk Inlet , Harris, 25¢, B-1c	175.00OB
Juneau , Randle's, 5¢, B-62a	903.12
Ketchikan , Abercrombie's, 8¢, B-1c	16.50
Ketchikan , Northern Hotel, B-38a	461.00
Nome , Board of Trade, 12½¢, B-8g	PLUS
The Lacey, 12½¢, B-29bi	970.00
Nome , The Columbia, B-17a	OB350.00NB
*Nome , Dexter Saloon, 25¢ chip	103.50
Petersburg , Hadland, 5¢, B-4a	1170.00
Savoonga , R.C.C., 1¢ to \$10, B1 a-h	OB199.00NB
Seldovia , Joe Hill, 12½¢, B-2a	416.00
Seward , Northern, 12½¢, B-8biii	31.00
Seward , Northern, 12½¢, B-8bii	220.00**
Skagway , Idaho Saloon, 10¢, B-14a	11.06
Skagway , Mascot Saloon, 12½¢, B-17c	52.01
Skagway , Pullen House, Meal, B-22a	6.50
Tonsina , 12½¢, B-1a	62.09
Valdez , Buffet, 12½¢, B-4b	30.00
Valdez , Valdez Hotel, 6¼¢, B-21a	99.00
Yakutat , Y&SRR, \$1 B-3d	90.00OB
Yakutat , Y&SRR, \$1 B-3d, scratches	72.00
Whitehorse , TDP, \$20	117.50
Whitehorse , TDP, \$10	117.50
Whitehorse , TDP, 25¢, 50¢ and \$1	22.75

* Third or fourth appearance on eBay. Questionable authenticity.

** Early American Auctions, a \$20 to \$50 item sells for \$220.

OB = Opening Bid NB = No Bid RL = relist

RNM = Reserve Not Met R = Reserve

BIN = Buy it now



ARC PRICES REALIZED

November 15, 2003 Auction

Lot	Bid
240 Bethel, B-3 a-c	12
241 Excursion Inlet, B-1 a-d	35mb*
242 Haines, B-2a	350mb*
243 Ketchikan, B-6 a,c,d,e	40mb*
244 Ketchikan, B-41 a-c	30mb*
245 Palmer, Masonic, B-3a	185mb*
246 Skagway, B-12a, 3 varieties	12mb*
247 Talkeetna, B-2a	40mb*
248 Teller, B-3 ai, b-d	10
249 Alaska River Boat Receipts	10
250 AYPE Official Medal, bronze	10
251 AYPE Watch Fob	32
252 AYPE Watch Fob	10
253 Alaska & Hawaii large medals	215mb*
254 Alaska Statehood medal, bronze	32
255 Anchorage American Rev. Medals	10
256 "Carl Parker" 1 oz. gold medal	395
257 Alaska Cruise medals	27mb*
258 Official State Medals (9)	100
259 Alaska Mint Gold Panner Medals (6)	90mb*
260 Anchorage Winter Olympics Bid medals	21mb
261 Don Young Medal	10

mb = sold to mail bidder * = bid reduced. Total bid reductions for the Alaska Lots: \$441.
We forgot to report on these after the auction.

April 17, 2004 Auction

Lot	Bid
207 Anchorage, B-10a	60mb*
208 Anchorage, B-11bi	15
209 Chatanika, B-3 a and c	50mb*
210 Fairbanks, B-10a	25
211 Fairbanks, B-19b	10
212 (Flat or Iditarod), B-1a	600mb*
213 Juneau, B-65a	50mb
214 Kukak Bay, B-1gi	600mb*
215 McCarthy, B-2a and b	40
216 Nome, B-39a	300mb*
217 Seward, B-8a	160
218 Seward, B-9c	25
219 Wacker, B-T1a	25
220 Pacific Steamship Co. pass	40
221 Tofty 1 oz. gold medal	490
222 Valdez medals	34
223 1989 State medal	44
224 Three 1993 State medals	95
225 1993 1/10 oz. gold state medal	105
226 Chicago Record's Bk for Gold Seekers	70mb*
227 AK and Klondike Gold Fields	40
228 Rex Beach Books	90mb*
229 In Search of a Siberian Klondike	55

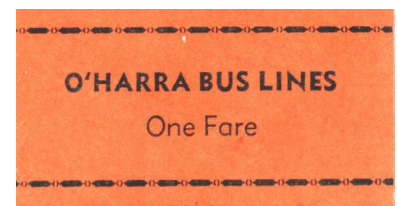
mb = sold to mail bidder * = bid reduced. Total bid reductions for the Alaska Lots: \$450.

TOKEN SNAPSHOTS

Here is a nice photo of O'Harra Bus Lines in front of "Rapids Hunting Lodge" at about milepost 227.4 on the Richardson Highway, 136 road miles from Fairbanks. More familiarly known as Black Rapids Lodge, it is currently undergoing renovation.



We purchased a small quantity of the O'Harra Bus Lines One Fare tokens years ago, and only a few are left - \$25 postpaid.



FOR THE RECORD



AKIAK: Carl I. Carlsen, \$1 in trade, B-1b. Aluminum, 38mm. Listed, not illustrated (Alan Weinberg).



ANCHORAGE: Fantasies on 5th Ave., Continuous Entertainment. Black on translucent white plastic, 41mm.



FAIBANKS: Comet Club, good for one drink. Gold on blue plastic, 40mm.



FOX: Fox Roadhouse, good for a beverage. Red on wood.



HOONAH: Ross Shakley Pool Hall, 12½¢ in trade. Aluminum, 21mm. Owners were Ross, William and Sergius Sheakley. The name is misspelled on the token. (submitted by Harold Fossum).



KETCHIKAN: The Penny Man, \$15.00 in trade, 2004. Presumably 1 ounce silver.



PALMER: Valley Hotel, Caboose Lounge, Good for a drink. Black on wood.



PETERSBURG: John Hadland, 5¢ in trade, B-4a. Brass, 24mm. Listed, not illustrated (submitted by David Owenby).

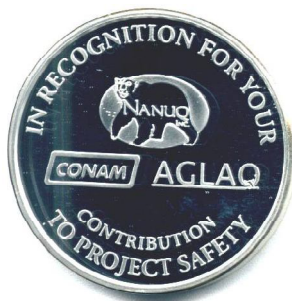
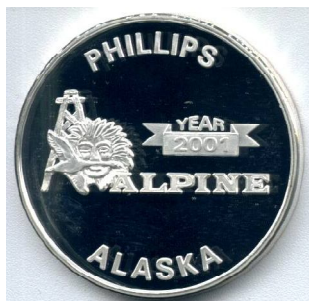
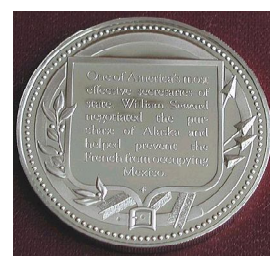


PORT ALEXANDER: Art's Place, 50¢ in trade. Aluminum, 30mm (submitted by Harold Fossum).

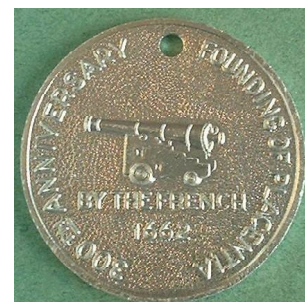
FOR THE RECORD



ALASKA RAILROAD: Hurricane Gulch elongated cent (eBay).



ALPINE: Phillips Alaska, 2001. In recognition for your contribution to project safety; Nanuq, Conam, Aglaq. One ounce silver (submitted by Roy Brown).



PLACENTIA NEWFOUNDLAND / 1662 1962 (bridge) // 300th anniversary founding of Placentia / by the French / 1662 (cannon). Alum. 39mm (top hole) (ebay).



DENALI NATIONAL PARK: National Park Treasures. Obverse design previously used on "Mt. McKinley National Park" medal. Bronze, 38mm.



KEFLAVIK, ICELAND: "Zoomie", NAS Keflavik, Iceland. Wooden nickel. Both red and black ink.



RED DOG MINE: Production rate increase, Port site loading facility, 1997. One ounce silver.



ICELAND: 1100th Anniversary of the founding of the Republic. 13,000 in bronze and 2,000 in .925 sterling, 300 grams. Made in Finland. Illustration reduced, actual size about 70mm.

ALASKA: William H. Seward, 1801-1872. Reverse: "One of America's most effective secretaries of state, William Seward negotiated the purchase of Alaska and helped prevent the French from occupying Mexico." Franklin Mint, 36mm, sterling silver with a reported mintage of 180. (illustrated at the top of the next column).